

# CONSTITUTIONS AS FRAMED BY SEVERAL OTHER STATES

## What Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina and Tennessee Have Done, THEY ELIMINATE NEGRO VOTE.

### Virginia Will Consider the Important Question of the Electoral Vote This Summer.

The student of political history can scarcely find a field of greater interest than the methods adopted by the States of the South in dealing with the enormous class of illiterate negro voters, which, in numerous instances, has threatened the supremacy of the white man in its man's country.

It is a story of unique interest. Its lines have never before been told. The white man of the past has had to deal with what he termed inferior races, who might claim for control of the government, but he has never until during this struggle of the Southern States of America had to stand on the same ground with his inferior and battle with him for the privilege of ruling. The illiterate negro voter had the right, the people brought under the imperial dominion of Rome were held in subjection by the stern power that deprived them of their freedom, in the long and finally victorious struggle of the Anglo-Saxon against his Norman conqueror it was a contest between an alien invader and the rightful lord of the soil—the right on the side of the conquered race, "inferior" people, as the proud Norman termed them.

**BATTLE ON EVEN GROUND.**

The white man of the South has had to battle with the negro restrained by a law that made them absolutely equal. By constitutional amendment, color, education, character, were made to count for naught. By a stroke of the pen the illiterate slave was put upon an exact level with his proud master. Every right once held by the white man alone, and which regarded as peculiarly a mark of his superiority, was accorded the black man. It cannot be said that the struggle with the black man has always been carried on with a free hand. In the past the people of the white race have been used by those who preferred blandishments to force, and false counting has also been thought preferable to applying violence as a preventive of negro supremacy.

But these methods were never satisfactory to the white men of the South. And so it was that when Mississippi adopted a constitution containing a daring clause prescribing qualifications for suffrage the people of other Southern States were quick to follow.

**THE LEAD OF MISSISSIPPI.**

In November, 1890, Mississippi adopted her present constitution. It confers the right of suffrage upon all male inhabitants of the State who are at least 21 years of age, and who have resided in the State two years, and one year in the district, city or town where he offers to vote; who has never been convicted of certain specified offenses, and who on or before the first day of February in the year in which he offers to vote has paid all taxes levied upon him, and which he had opportunity to pay for the two preceding years, and who shall have been duly registered. The constitution imposes a uniform poll

# IDENT RIGIDLY OBSERVED IN NEW YORK SOCIETY

## The Dull Season Relieved by Dinners, Sewing Classes and Euchre Parties.

### THE FAMOUS STUART HOUSE. A Domestic Scene Tinged With the True Spirit of Poesy.

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NEW YORK, March 9.—One of the grandest mansions in the city of palatial residences has been sold for demolition. Its costly fittings, marble columns, carved woods, etc., have been lugged off by dealers of second-hand goods. It was once the home of a family that, one of the wonders of the city, and the story of its construction was recorded in newspapers from Maine to California. It was erected by Alexander T. Stewart as his residence. Opposite to it stood the dwelling of William Astor, which by contrast seemed to be diminished to a very ordinary brick building. But this house, equipped with the art treasures of Europe, the most precious marbles and the most highly-prized masterpieces of the French, Dutch, Spanish and English schools—with the rarest tapestries, the finest furniture, has never been more than a mausoleum. In it Stewart stored every property of the great merchant, every memento of the great merchant.

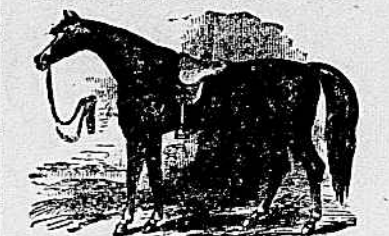
**A UNIQUE SURPRISE.**

A friend of mine in the navy writes me that while cruising off the coast of Cuba one night in search of smugglers, he was attacked by rockets discharged from a vessel. A cutter was lowered and manned with armed jack tars. It approached the supposed smuggler with muffled oars, and a gallant young officer, pistol in hand, leaped on the deck. He was confronted by Sir Alfred Van Horne, of Canada, who explained he was signaling the shore. Sir Alfred invited the young officer into the cabin, and, over a cold bottle of champagne, explained that he was interested with friends in a railway project in Cuba.

Mrs. Clarence Mackay had a narrow escape from a sudden and terrible death one day. The hansom cab in which she was riding was struck by a trolley car and overturned. The horse was killed.

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forced to this conclusion, as dinners are long and partners not always agreeable. Among those who have been entertaining are Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McK. Twombly, Mr. James J. Van Allen, Mrs. Theodore F. Vail, Mrs. Charles Frederick Hoffman, Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. F. M. Neil, Mrs. Westervelt and a score of others.

In the desire to secure Christian recreation and social enjoyment while observing the Lenten rules, some of my good friends whip the devil around the stump with surprising ingenuity. There are the usual evening classes where night clothing are made for infant children, roller skating parties to promote the dislocation of ankles, and numerous progressive culture parties to promote the efficiency of aspirants of would-be helplessness.

**A DOG STORY.**

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester have sailed for England without showing themselves to an appreciable extent in New York. There is a sad tale told of two fine bull terriers, the male pair being named "The Duke" and "The Duchess," which, after a long voyage, were in readiness at the hour of departure, but sailed not. The heartless dog fancier was not willing to wait for his Grace's remittance. The Duchess, who, the Duke shrugged his shoulders, and Father-in-law Zimmerman enacted the role of the cold-hearted parent.

Newspapers are made glad by the confirmed report that the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, with a suite of English lordlings, will pass the summer at the white marble palace on Bellevue Avenue. This house was built by the Duchess's father, William K. Vanderbilt, and since her mother became Mrs. Belmont it has been rented or unoccupied.

**Valuable Letters.**

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., March 9.—The University of Virginia has come into the possession of the original letters of the correspondence between Rufus King, at that time in 1825 Minister to Great Britain, and Mr. Jefferson, and between Mr. King and Mr. George Canning, at that time principal secretary for the English Foreign Affairs office. Some of these letters which concerned Professor Bonycastle (and Prof. Robley Dunglison, slightly), were public, and gave the English government's reason for rejecting Mr. Jefferson's application for the cancellation of a bond which Bonycastle had given to be forfeited in case he entered the service of any other country.

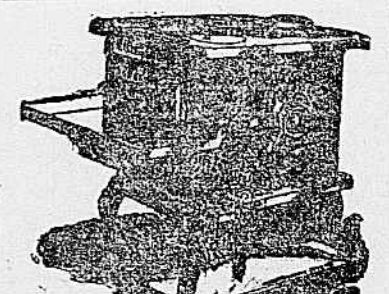
The private letters were on the same subject, and amounted to conceding quite what had been refused publicly. The letters from Mr. Jefferson, written in 1825, are of great value in the purchase of apparatus for the scientific department of the University of Virginia.

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# NEWS OF HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Eddie Jones, Son of Morello, Won the Winter Handicap.

WAS RUN AT TANFORAN PARK.

Trotters and Pacers in Training Here—The Durham Fair Association—Mr. Beattie Buys Cherrywood.

The following clipping from The Horse Review, Chicago, relative to the Winter Handicap, run at Tanforan Park, California's greatest race course, will be likely to interest the readers of The Times, as Eddie Jones, the winner, is a son of our own famous Virginia bred Morello, while Charentus, who holds the record at the same distance, was sired by the Elberle stallion Imp. Charaxus and bred by Major R. S. Tucker, of Raleigh, N. C., who owned the dam Contenta, a daughter of John Happy. And incidentally it may be noted that John Happy, the son of Imp. Bonnie Scotland and Kathleen, by Lexington, though bred in Tennessee, was formerly owned by J. J. Carroll, Ashland, Va., from whom he passed to J. B. Haggin of California, who bred Eddie Jones and other good race-horses.

"The Winter Handicap, run at Tanforan Park, near San Francisco, January 26th, is considered the greatest race ever run in this country. The distance was one mile and a quarter and it was run by the winner Eddie Jones, who carried 118 pounds, in 2:04 3/4. The record for a circular track is 2:04, made over the Empire City track, New York, by Charentus, last October. Charentus was a four-year-old and carried 101 pounds. Eddie Jones is now technically a six-year-old. According to the scale adopted by the Western Turf Congress he carried six pounds less than weight for age, while Charentus carried eighteen less. In comparison Eddie Jones' performance was the best—especially as it is said that he got off last and was separated from the field in the first half of the race. The performance because it was so extraordinary and also because it is interesting to record that Eddie Jones is a son of the famous Morello, who early in his three-year-old form, and with 117 pounds up, won the Wheeler Handicap at Washington Park, Chicago, July 23, 1897, running his mile and a quarter in 2:05—a record-breaking performance, and one which, considering his age and the weight he carried, has never since been equaled. No better illustration of the truth of the axiom "Blood to the Winner," could be adduced. Morello did not stay to the stud. He got a few colts, and it is said that a greater proportion of them have been winners and high-class horses than in other like case of record. Morello was by Eolus, a great race-horse and a great sire; his dam, Chestnut mare, H. by Sultan, Corvise, a full brother to the famous race-horse and sire, the dead Morello. He will be placed in the stud along with "The Iron Horse," Blitzen, where his relationship to such a famous horse as Morello will be sure to attract attention to him.

Mr. A. B. Gwathmey, of the Cotton Exchange, New York, and owner of that great mare Louise Mac, 3:08 1/2, Tiverton, 2:28 1/2, and other crack horses, the Harlow River Speedways, is at the Hot Springs, Ark., accompanied by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gwathmey will spend several weeks there.

**BROAD ROCK.**

Van Sicker—Harris.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEWISBURG, W. VA., March 9.—The home of John W. Harris was the scene Wednesday evening of a beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony, the contracting parties being Harry L. Van Sicker, Esq., a prominent young member of the bar, and Miss Mary Austin Harris. The invited guests having all assembled, promptly at 7 o'clock and to the music of Lohengrin's wedding march, delightfully rendered by Mrs. Virginia Van Sicker, the bride party entered the parlor, brilliantly lighted and tastefully decorated in evergreens, the bride exquisitely gowned in cream peau de soie, with bertha and gulleps of Duchesse lace. In white veil, carrying a lovely bouquet of bride's roses and leaning on the arm of her father, followed by her younger sister and maid of honor, Miss Helen Harris, and her two bridesmaids, Misses Hale Austin and Mattie Tarry, all dressed in white and carrying white carnations.

In the center of the room the bride was met by the groom with his best man, Mr. Samuel McP. Austin, and then, standing under a beautiful bell of evergreens, the ceremony, which joined the two in the bonds of holy wedlock was impressively performed by Dr. Robert Lee Telford.

The usual greetings and congratulations were paid, and then, by Mr. Van Sicker, accompanied by a number of his friends, left with his bride for Ronceverte, where they took an east-bound train for a bridal tour to various points of interest. The bride's going-away gown was blue broadcloth trimmed in silver.

Mr. Van Sicker has lived in Lewisburg for four or five years, coming here from Clifton Forge, Va., though a native of Loudoun county. He is actively engaged in the practice of his profession, is popular with the people and is now serving his second term as mayor of our town. His bride, as has been said, is the second daughter of Major John W. Harris, and is a pretty and attractive young lady, with many loving and admiring friends. She is the sister of Mrs. Wm. H. Parrish, of Richmond, Va.

When Ada Rehan learned that her pet dog would not be admitted to the hotel at Waterbury, Ct., she chartered a special train and slept in Hartford.

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# NEWS AND GOSSIP FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

## Emperor William Now Honorary Field Marshal in the British Army.

# SPOIL AND INDEMNITY AT PEKIN

## Justin McCarthy on Sham Sorrow—Death of General Gourko—A King at Five Years of Age—Other Foreign Comment.

**EMPEROR WILLIAM A FIELD MARSHAL.**

William's presence at the death bed and funeral of Queen Victoria, has been pleased to appoint His Majesty William II., German Emperor, King of Prussia, to the rank of Field Marshal in the British Army on the occasion of the anniversary of His Majesty's birthday.

The commission is dated January 27, 1901. Emperor William is already Colonel-in-Chief, First (Royal) Dragoons, and Honorary Admiral in the navy. This birthday present from King Edward, "the King my army's uncle," as William II. calls him, was a mark of such signal favor that the German Emperor apprised Lord Salisbury and the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces by telegraph of the deep appreciation felt for the high honor.

King Edward himself is the only person besides the German Emperor who is both an admiral in the English navy and a field-marshal in the English army.

The allies, according to a Chinese source, have discovered at the Summer Palace in Peking gold and silver valued at 500,000 taels, which they propose to utilize for the payment of the troops.

The Russians in Manchuria continue their punitive expeditions against the Chinese.

It is stated from a Chinese source that Russia, besides an indemnity, requires 20,000,000 taels for restoring Manchuria, and that Field Marshal von Waldersee demands 5,000,000 taels as compensation for the murder of Baron von Ketteler.

**A ROYAL PRESENT.**

State copper mines at Majdanpek to King Alexander will be especially valuable. The Government adopted the motion as proposed by M. Genitch and voted to give the mines as a token of her devotion of the people to their King.

The long suffering Czar has formally warned the students of St. Petersburg that if they do not cease studying how to raise disturbances instead of the more usual branches of study, they will be expelled from the city once and for all. The hazers, who are trying to harass the police instead of the freshmen, have not yet indicated whether they will be guided by the Czar.

**RUSSIAN HAZERS AGAIN.**

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**KING OF UGANDA.**

The King of Uganda has made a formal entry into diplomatic life at the early age of five by calling in state on the British Commissioner, Sir H. H. Toulson, for the Uganda Protectorate. The King was accompanied by a great retinue of servants and followers who enjoyed the honors of the military reception and cordial festivities far more than did the tired and sleepy little King.

**GENERAL GOURKO DEAD.**

The celebrated repressor of the Nihilists, General Gourko, is dead. He died at the age of seventy-three, on January 26th, on his estates in Russia, where he had resided since retiring from the Governorship of Poland. He was a successful general in the field, where he served with distinction, but his stern measures in peace drove the Nihilists to such desperation when he was Military Governor of St. Petersburg, that he had to be removed. His dealings with the unfortunate Poles were no less offensive.

**JUSTIN MCCARTHY ON SHAM SORROW.**

Writing in the Independent Justin McCarthy says:—Some of the London papers would actually have had us to believe that during the days immediately following the Queen's death crowds of poor artisans might be seen going to and returning from their work in the East-End slums of London with incessant tears running down their cheeks. It cannot deceive anybody who knows anything of the vast artisan population of London, absorbed as it is in its hard struggles for a bare living in its narrow hole.

I have known more than once when glancing over such effusions of sham loyalty with what melancholy contempt the clear, quiet judgment of the Queen herself would have regarded them if it had been possible for them to come under her critical observation. The vast majority of the English population in town and

# COUNTY BONDS SOLD WELL.

Enterprising Ladies of Montross to Build a Town Hall.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 9.—The balance of the \$50,000 of Spotsylvania county five per cent. bonds, of the management of State Commissioner G. W. Koiner and the member of the State Agricultural Board for the district in which the institutes are held. The farmers of Essex county will have the opportunity of attending one of these instructive meetings at Tappahannock, Tuesday, March 12th, and those of Lancaster and other parts of the lower Northern Neck at Kilmarnock, Thursday, March 14th. One will probably be held higher up the Northern Neck at Montross at a later date. An institute will also be held in the county of Louisa, which adjoins Spotsylvania, at the county seat, on Wednesday, March 14th. The same speakers, who are Hon. G. W. Koiner, State Commissioner; Professor S. B. Heiges and S. S. Barber, of Pennsylvania, will address some of these gatherings on the subject of fertilizers, dining and feeding stock and fruit culture.

The "Littleton Hall" farm, in Spotsylvania county, has been purchased by Mr. George W. Tompkins.

A donation was received this week by the Mary Washington Hospital for the benefit of the "W. Seymour White Free Red Fund," amounting to \$12, from Mr. Henry Stokes, of New York.

North Carolina parties have been in King George county this week with the view of purchasing a large farm on the Potomac river.

Mr. T. L. Cheving, of this county, who has been holding his wheat for the highest price, sold the entire crop here this week for seventy-seven cents per bushel.

A telephone line will soon be established between Colonial Beach and Oak Grove, in Westmoreland county. It is also in contemplation to erect a line between Stafford Courthouse and that city.

The friends of Mr. John E. Wilson, farmer and business man, and owner of "Wakefield," the birthplace of Washington, in Westmoreland county, are booming him for the Constitutional Convention as the delegate from that county.

The Journeymen Bakers' and Confectioners' International Union, nearly 50,000 strong, will make a general demand for a ten-hour day May 1, 1901. Members are now working twelve to sixteen hours daily.

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